GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SOIL CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soil conservation work is being carried out by the Department of Agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the amount incurred thereon during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the funds are being misappropriated in the name of soil conservation by various State Governments;

(d) if so, whether the Government have verified the work performed and the amount spent in this regard;

(e) if so, the achievements thereof;

(f) if not, whether the Government propose to set up a Commission to review the work in this regard; and
(g) if so, the time by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes Sir. The soil conservation work in the country is being carried out by the State Governments under their own plan schemes. In addition, the State Governments also implement the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The various soil and water conservation schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation are as follows:

1. Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.

2. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas in N.E. Region.

3. National Watershed Development Project in Rainfed Areas.

4. Reclamation of Alkali Soils.

A statement showing funds released to various States under these programmes during the last three years is annexed.

The details of the Soil Conservation Programmes implemented by the State Governments are maintained by the respective States.

(c) There is no instance of misappropriation of funds reported so far.

(d) to (g) The matter do not arise.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DURING 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1368.00	1551.50	1665.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	210.00	181.00	127.00

3. Assam	145.00	170.00	120.00
4. Bihar	98.00	125.00	0.00
5. Gujarat	966.00	2433.00	2480.00
6. Haryana	180.00	465.77	245.00
7 Himachal Pradesh	770.00	1068.20	762.00
8. Jammu & Kashmir	566.00	637.00	665.00
9. Karnataka	3050.00	3115.00	3200.00
10. Kerala	500.00	1502.88	390.00
11. Madhya Pradesh	3028.00	4013.59	4750.00
12. Maharashtra	3320.00	4360.00	1500.00
13. Manipur	605.00	265.00	460.00
14. Meghalaya	120.00	360.00	410.00
15. Mizoram	525.00	1140.00	866.00
16. Nagaland	460.00	1000.00	900.00
17. Orissa	1300.00	662.39	500.00
18. Punjab	242.60	321.00	123.00
19. Rajasthan	4198.00	5559.00	5130.00
20. Sikkim	90.00	150.00	200.00
21. Tamil Nadu	1500.00	2230.00	2075.00
22. Tripura	261.00	480.00	551.00
23. Uttar Pradesh	3255.40	4184.44	3575.03
24. West Bengal	110.00	620.00	750.00
25. Goa	0.00	8.00	3.00
26. Andaman Nicobar Island	25.00	65.00	34.00
27. Dadara and Nagar Haveli	1.00	1.00	0.00
	26894.00	36668.77	31481.03